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Mr. Julius Genachowski, Chair  
Federal Communications Commission  
c/o Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**RE: WT 11-65: *In the Matter of Applications of  
AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG  
for Consent to Assign or Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations***

Dear Chair Genachowski and Members of the FCC:

The ILWU Local 142 strongly supports the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile because it will protect jobs in the telecommunications industry and ensure a strong mobile broadband network that all of us, as consumers, can benefit from.

Local 142 has 20,000 members in Hawaii working in various industries--tourism, longshore, agriculture, and general trades like supermarkets, hospitals, and small manufacturing. Local 142 is affiliated with the International Longshore and Warehouse Union based on the West Coast and in Canada.

We support the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile because of the projected positive impact on overall job growth and economic development. Behind an \$8 billion investment by AT&T to deploy its wireless network over a seven-year period following the merger's approval, the Economic Policy Institute estimates up to 96,000 new jobs could be created--including direct employment, jobs with suppliers, and indirect jobs created by increased economic activity associated with advances in innovation.

Furthermore, AT&T is the only unionized wireless company in the U.S. If the merger takes place, thousands of T-Mobile USA employees would have the opportunity for representation and a voice at work, which currently does not exist for them. We believe that unionization is vital to ensure stability in the industry and to preserve good-paying jobs that will help to stimulate the economy.

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Finally, efforts to promote the deployment of mobile broadband are worth supporting as they will enhance quality of life for all Americans. With increased broadband speed, especially in rural communities where many of our own members reside, Americans will have greater access to communication and information that will enhance their personal growth and their livelihoods.

The ILWU Local 142 urges you to approve the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Isaac Fiesta". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "I" and a stylized "F".

Isaac Fiesta  
President

cc: Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Michael Copps  
Commissioner Robert McDowell